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SUBJECT.

File relating to the order sanctioning certain insignias to the Swamigalu of the Hirekal Math in the Honnalli Taluk.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.

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From The Deputy Commissioner
Shimoga District

To The Secretary to the Government
of Mysore
Muzrai Department.

Dated 23d
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General No. 280
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Enclosure No 1 of 1

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Requests to be informed whether there can be any objection for the Hirekal Matha Swami to carry certain insignia.

Reply - Govt agree with the Dy Comr that the objection of the Inspector as per list B should be excluded from what the Swami may be allowed to carry, so. Govt as regards what he may carry, the matter is one which the Dy Comr should decide after due consideration of all circumstances by 15/1/99

To the same no 214 of 15/1/99

No. 280 a-1 Bel. 13

Deputy Commissioner's office
Shimoga District

Shimoga 23d September 1898.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of Mysore
Muzrey Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to request to be informed whether there can be any objection to the allowing of certain insignia described below to be carried by a Sivachar Guru in Honnali Taluk known as Hirekal Matha Swami.

2. There has been a long standing dispute on the subject between this gentleman and certain Brahmins of Honnali town, who oppose his claim. About 1885, the Swami filed a suit in the Munsiff's Court of Honnali for a declaration of his right to go with

Makara torana, Svetachatri, Pancha-
kalasa, hagalu-divatige and Nagare
carried on a Camel. The Munsiff gave
a decree and also issued a license as 1st class
Magistrate for the carrying out of this
order. Subsequently the District Magis-
trate cancelled the license, and on appeal
the District Judge and the Chief Court reversed
the Munsiff's decree. The ground taken and
disallowed was that a Sanad produced
by the Swami was a genuine document.

3. Since then, the Swami has given
up his claim to carry these five articles.
But he claims some 79 more, some of
which can hardly be regarded as any
<u>biradu</u>. The Brahmans object to any
concession being made. When the Swami
saw me once last year, I told him to give
me a list of what he wished to be allowed.
He did not do so, but on the 24th of August
1898, when I was in Honnali he [illegible]

the town carrying a few of these insignia to attend at the house of one of his disciples. On the complaint of the Brahmans, the Amildar Magistrate issued an order under the Criminal Procedure Code prohibiting the Swami from carrying these articles again on his return journey without obtaining permission. Thereupon the agent of the guru presented a petition to me and gave a list of articles which his guru claimed to be allowed to carry. The list is appended to this letter (A).

4. I heard both the petitioner and the Brahman counterpetitioners informally and made a list of 10 of these which I thought should not be allowed. (B). I was not sure that the Swami had all these in his possession, and so a list was subsequently made of the articles actually produced before the Amildar and it is attached to this letter. (C). The counterpetitioners are for prohibiting all insignia: but that contention cannot for a moment be tolerated, as ordinary people often carry many of

articles of show in their processions.
The guru in question has not any Sanad or any other royal grant in his favour. He is understood to be a mathadipati of a lower rank than those of Balehalli or Murugi Matha. Still as he has a considerable number of disciples and has a recognised status among the Sivachar people in this part of the country, he is entitled to be allowed to go about with some show of distinction.
5. Without some grant or other royal authority, some of these insignia can hardly be allowed in this state at any rate. Such, in my opinion, are the 10 I have included in list B. Some of these such as Vyasana tôlu are offensive to persons of other persuasion and should be prohibited on that account. I am doubtful of Balamuri sankha and Narasimha Mukha, but have not been able to find out whether there is any significance attached to them for which they should be disallowed. Of the 10 in list B, I am not quite sure whether the Chámara, Dhavalâ Sankha, Sukâri, and the Nisani or elephant and danka or horse show

absolutely prohibited. The matha however does not possess some of them. The Agent consented to forego these ~~to~~ ten, but the Svami merely agrees to abide by any orders that may be passed.

6. I propose to allow the Svami to go about with all the insignia in his possession except those that I have included in B with any modification which the Government may be pleased to make therein. Such an order will be a guide to decide future disputes on the matter, even though it may not have any judicial force. Of course, the Svami will have to abide by orders of Magistrates, and will hereby obtain no right to go in streets for passing in which he may not have a mamul in his favour. I am not quite sure if Government would consider it expedient to decide the matter finally in this informal manner. ~~In that case,~~ If that would be preferred H.M. I shall dispose of it on my own authority, leaving the parties who may not approve of what is done here to appeal to Government.

Anyhow it will be of help and serve for future guidance, if it can be indicated whether there is any objection on State or other grounds, to allow private parties free to use any of the insignia claimed by the guru in this case.

7. The file of Kannada records is submitted for reference if necessary and kind return.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

H. Manjunadayya

Deputy Commissioner

Shimoga District

1924

Proceedings of the Government of Mysore.

Read:— SL

Letter No. 280/13 dated the 28th September 1898 from the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, stating that there has been a long standing dispute between ~~the~~ Brahmans of Honnali town and ~~the~~ priest of Sivachara Matt called Hirekal Matt in Honnali Taluk in regard to ~~his~~ the latter carrying certain insignia - and requesting to be informed whether barring the ten insignia marked in list B attached to the Deputy Commissioner's letter as objectionable, any exception can be taken to the priest being allowed to carry the remaining insignia mentioned in the list A filed by ~~the Priest~~ him

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Order thereon No. 844 Encl 1 File

Dated Bangalore 17 January 1899

The.

The Government agree with the Deputy Commissioner that the ten marginally noted insignia Specified in the list B above referred to should be excluded from what the priest may be allowed to carry.

* 1 Adda Pallakki.
2. Pancha Devatigè
3. Dhavala Sankha.
4. Bhichatra da Kodè
5. Kawaka Châmara.
6. Ubhaya Châmara
7. Vyasanatalu Nandidhwaja
8. Ambari on an elephant
9. Danka on a horse.
10. Visani on an elephant

But as regards ~~the~~ whether he may carry or not, the Deputy Commissioner ~~will decide as he may think proper after~~ after a due consideration of all ~~the~~ circumstances.

Asst
Mysore Secretary.

To
The Deputy Commissioner
Kadur District, returning
vernacular papers.